

WISCONSIN TOWN IS FLOOD SWEPT

BLACK RIVER FALLS WILL BE
WIPE OUT FROM MAP.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED

Swollen Stream Cuts Through Dam
Embankment—Efforts Made to
Warn Are Circled.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 6.—The situation at Black River Falls, the prosperous little city of 2,600 population, swept by a flood this afternoon when the waters of the Black River, swollen by recent rains, washed the embankment of the La Crosse Water Power Company's dam at Hatfield, is tonight worse by far than was even feared when the deluge burst upon the town. Part of the business section has been destroyed, together with a part of the residence district, and it is believed by the residents who have taken refuge on the big lands that the city will be wiped off the map. Whether lives have been lost is not yet certain.

The people have been scattered, and tonight canvasses are being made to determine if any are missing. Two persons have not been accounted for, and they may have been swept away by the flood.

At 7 o'clock tonight, between 25 and 50 business houses, comprising all the stores on two streets, have been destroyed, together with about this number of homes. At that hour the waters were rising rapidly, and the destruction of the stores on the other business streets was predicted.

The buildings have not been merely flooded, but destroyed. The Tremont hotel, a substantial three-story structure, was the first to go, and one building after another followed. No precautions could be taken to stop the wrecking of the town. The people, although they knew of the overflowing of the dam, showed little fear of its effect until the waters burst upon them.

The city tonight is in darkness, the electric light plant being one of the first to be struck by the flood. The deluge was caused by the sudden rise of the Black River behind the two dams of the La Crosse Water Power Company, following rains which lasted almost a week. The dams withstood them, but in each case the river washed around the sides, taking out sections of the river banks, and coming down on the dam today, found it greatly weakened as a result of the early washing.

The million dollar property of the water company is believed to be not greatly damaged, and tonight it is said that the dam, which is of concrete 100 feet thick at the base and 50 feet at the top, would probably stand all the force which might be directed upon it.

Efforts were made to warn the farmers and many of the settlers but telegraph wires soon went down and the fate of many of those who know nothing of the flood until it struck their immediate localities, is the cause of some apprehension.

Below Black River Falls are a number of villages, and the high waters are due to strike them tonight and tomorrow. Forces of men have been sent out to strengthen the bridges in the three counties along the river.

Cut off by telegraph, the news from Black River Falls is being sent to La Crosse tonight by the Wisconsin Telephone Company, which has stationed a man on top of a telephone pole. He is sending his report as well as the flooded lines permit.

"Black River Falls is doomed; the town will be wiped off the map," was the comment of W. W. Holcomb, manager of the Standard Oil Company here, who returned tonight from the threatened city.

"When I left there at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the main portion of the place was under water and the flood was racing down Water Street at the rate of apparently twenty miles an hour. Earth disappeared before it as though it were only snow."

"It would seem past belief, but I saw a big stone building on a hill 100 feet from the water crumble like an egg shell and disappear completely with the hill that supported it. The water had undermined the hill and carried everything away."

Shortly afterward, a knoll sixty feet long north of it was undermined, and then the poorhouse, three or four stories high, went with it.

"When the water appeared, the fire bell called everyone to the street. It was sounded to get the people out to assist the residents on the flats in removal of their furnishings."

"The water swept everything clean. The Jones Dry Goods store on the corner went all to pieces. Then the building adjoining disappeared. To get out of the town, I had to go around over a railroad bridge, an approach of which had been taken out."

CHIPPewa River Overflows

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Oct. 6.—The Chippewa River tonight overflowed its banks. Early this afternoon the 800 line's concrete bridge near here was destroyed. The road cannot run trains for several days. This morning forty feet of the big offer dam at Cornell went out over the Burnett Falls Manufacturing Company building.

Rains Have Been Heavy.
Chicago, Oct. 6.—Heavy rains for the last two days throughout Wisconsin brought about serious flood conditions in many localities today and tonight. Thus far, although the property damage has been large, no positive news that it has been accompanied with loss of life has been ascertained.

Has Thrilling Experience.

Mason City, Iowa, Oct. 6.—Captain John Berry, veteran of many thrilling balloon flights, went through the worst experience of his career late today, when he attempted to bring the balloon, Million Population Club, to the ground. The anchor struck a barn and tilted the basket so that A. J. McCullough, aide, was thrown out, and Berry saved himself by clinging to a rope as the big gas bag relaxed of McCullough's weight, shot upwards.

Clinging by the rope, Berry was carried hundreds of feet into the air and an hour later came safely to earth several miles south of the city. Despite the rough experience, neither man was seriously hurt. The barn where the landing was first attempted was unroofed by the balloon's anchor. Berry returned here tonight.

Situation Growing Worse.

Wausau, Wis., Oct. 6.—The flood situation here tonight is growing worse every hour, and the river is now several feet above normal. It is said it will have risen two feet more by morning. The lumber yards of the Alexander Stewart Lumber Company are entirely under water. Late tonight the offices building of the Wisconsin Rendering Company, a frame structure, was carried down the stream.

ASKS POLICE TO LOOK FOR YOUNG DAUGHTER

EULAH MITCHELL'S FATHER
THINKS SHE LEFT TULSA
WITH A MAN.

Urged on by the appeals of a frantic father, the police last night scour the city in a vain search for pretty 15-year-old Eulah Mitchell, who left her home in Dodge Addition yesterday with a companion of the same age, and who are thought to have left the city.

The father, J. C. Mitchell, who lives near the Lynch-Forsythe School building, told the police that he had discovered only late yesterday that his young school girl daughter had been guilty of associations with Mac Hunt, a first street character, well known to the police. Hunt could not be located by the police last night. Goldie Daniels is the girl who was last seen with the Mitchell girl, and the two are supposed to have run away from home together. Mr. Mitchell told the police he thought Hunt had influenced the girl to leave home, for she had always been treated kindly, sent to school and given good clothing.

Mitchell will today probably ask the county authorities for a warrant for Hunt's arrest. Mitchell is employed on the new courthouse building. Eulah Mitchell is described as weighing about 110 pounds, small of stature and of "chunky" build, with flaxen hair and blue eyes.

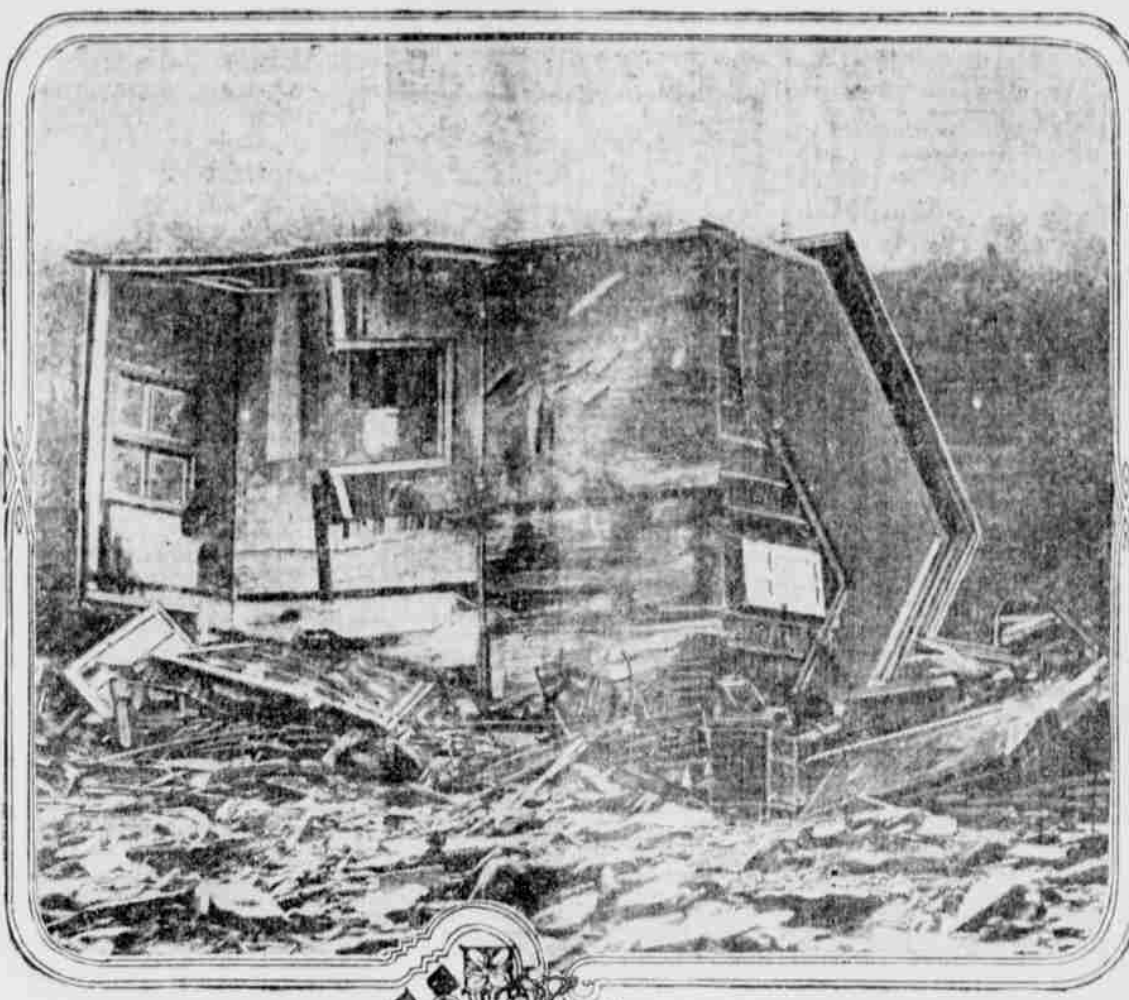
WATER COLLECTIONS HEAVY THIS MONTH

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FROM ALL
SOURCES FULLY \$15,000
WILL COME IN.

With but one-third of the total city water rent for the quarter, ending October 1, last, collected, the office of the water superintendent at the city hall is looking forward to a rushing business in this line Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday is the tenth day of the month, and persons failing to pay water rent on or before that date will have to pay a penalty of \$1 before water will be turned on again.

The meter collections, which are made monthly, will swell the total receipts from water consumers the present month to in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Over \$10,000 of this amount will be paid by consumers who are getting service on a flat rate, payable quarterly.

Persons who are delinquent in payments, after next Tuesday will have service cut off until they pay up, with the additional one dollar penalty. From present indications, the number of delinquents this month will be comparatively small.



PORTUGUESE NOW BEGIN TO FIGHT

ROYALISTS AND REPUBLICANS IN
BATTLE COMPLEX.

BOTH SIDES MASS TROOPS

Monarchists Acquire Two Battleships
Claves and Braganza First
Objective Points.

Lisbon, Oct. 7.—It is reported early this morning that the Monarchists at Vinas, fourteen miles west of Braganza, have surrounded and cut off the Republican troops in that vicinity.

Two Factories After Blood.

Lisbon, Oct. 6.—A band of Royalists has been defeated in a fight with Republican troops near Braganza, in Trás-os-Montes, the northernmost province of Portugal. It is rumored that a Royalist column at Vinas, 14 miles west of Braganza, is surrounded by Republicans.

A column of 700 Monarchists, commanded by Senor Camacho Canavaro, principal lieutenant of the Royalist Portuguese Thursday morning from Zamora, Spain, and occupied France Carrigosa, Espinhozel, Pao, Soutello and Paraimo, all near Braganza, the capital at Vinas.

Telegraph wires in several localities have been cut by Royalists, but in each instance the Royalists have been routed and the wires replaced. The government has 8,000 troops near the Spanish frontier, which is considered an ample number to cope with the situation. In addition, however, it has dispatched regiments from Avrore and Oporto and another from Lisbon.

Royalists Gather Troops.

Igo, Spain, Oct. 6.—The Journal says the Portuguese Royalists at Puebla de Sanabria, Province of Zamora, Spain, about 29 miles north of Braganza, Portugal, have formed into three columns under the command of Captain Coudeiro, Senor Camacho Canavaro and Honen Crato. Their first objective are Claves and Braganza, where the garrisons are reported to have pronounced in favor of the monarchy, and court marshall and shot a few officers who held contrary opinions.

STEPHENSON NOT "CORRUPT"

Wisconsin Senator Merely "Entertained"—That Was All.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 6.—After examining 725 items of amounts paid to individuals who, collectively, for campaign expenses, received \$107,732, the senatorial committee which is investigating charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Stephenson, today decided that money was used for "entertainment" and not for any corrupt purpose.

No itemized accounts of the expenses were returned, but Rodney Sackett, one of the campaign managers, testified he had been informed that the money had been used largely for buying cigars and beer. It was, thirty-eight Sackett said, to send out hundreds of cases of whiskey and beer where unfavorable political sentiment was to be worked up.

An Austin, Pa. residence that was wrecked by the bursting of the dam, above that city.

IS PROTESTING OVER ITALY'S DECLARATION

TURKEY APPEALS TO HAGUE
TRIBUNAL AND ALL PEACE
ORGANIZATIONS.

Constantinople, Oct. 6.—At a meeting today in the Mosque of Sophia, a protest was made against Italy's declaration of war on Turkey, and which was sent to all world peace, and different socialist organizations, and to the Hague tribunal.

The telegram says the occupation of Tripoli is unjustified, and Italy is unworthy of a place among the great powers. The meeting also sent a message to King George of England asking if such policy is in harmony with the political future interest of England.

Looks for Quick Ending.

Vienna, Oct. 6.—Count Von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungary minister expressed the hope that the Turkish-Italian conflict would come to an end so speedily that it would be needless for Austria to declare neutrality.

British Vessel Seized.

Sabouni, Oct. 6.—The Turkish battleship, Fehi-battard, held up and searched British steamer, Orchis and finding forty barrels of powder on board brought the vessel here as a prize of war.

Not Bound for Turkish Port.

London, Oct. 6.—The steamer, Orchis, seized by the Turkish warship, was bound for Smyrna from Constantinople, and her owners here cannot understand why she was taken so long as she was not going to an Italian port.

Reyes in San Antonio.

New Orleans, Oct. 6.—Notwithstanding General Bernardo Reyes' denial of any connection with any revolutionary designs against Mexico, he appeared in San Antonio under the surveillance of secret service detectives. They followed closely his every movement yesterday. General Reyes is going to write a book about his enemies and in this he says he will give sufficient proof of Madero's false promises and of his own persecution at the hands of the new "dictator" of Mexico.

ABE MARTIN.



Nobody can be as agreeable as a uninvited guest. A leader also has a nickel plated pencil holder.

'FORT M'COMB' IN WAR PAINT GARB

MACHINE GUN AND FOUR MILITARY BODIES ON GROUND.

High Fence Around Shops

Strike-breakers Use New Orleans—Memphis Strike-breakers On a Walkout.

McComb City, Miss., Oct. 6.—Three car loads of strike-breakers who were today rescued from a mob in New Orleans, arrived here at 8:30 o'clock tonight on a special train, under military guard, and without the slightest demonstration were placed in the Illinois Central shops.

This is the first consignment of strike-breakers to arrive since the endorsed departure of 132 stationed at the shops here following Tuesday night's serious rioting. A majority of the strikers displayed no interest in their coming.

The strike-breakers, following the incident in New Orleans, appeared to be somewhat apprehensive of the nature of the reception that would be given them in McComb City, and when their special train rolled in here, the majority of them were lying flat on the floors of the cars or squeezed in between the car seats.

Quarters had been already been provided for them in the company's shops where they were immediately installed for the night. It is said they will be joined by another shipment of strike-breakers.

A car of strike-breakers from New Haven arrived here tonight in charge of a company of militia and a machine gun, which makes four companies here now.

Governor Noel tonight placed an embargo on intoxicants destined for McComb City.

"Fort McComb," as the Illinois Central shops are now called, is really taking on war-like appearance. A ten-foot fence, topped with barbed wire, inclosing the shops, will soon be finished. A platform for the automatic rifles sent here, was erected on top of the master mechanics' office which will be boxed in with double partition walls filled in with sand and lined with sheet iron. To aid the men manning the guns at night, an electric headlight will be installed between the gun parapet in a position to sweep the entire local city with a flood of light.

The only work now under way in the local shops is being done by iron molders, who went out in sympathy with the federated crafts, but returned to their work today.

Even Strike-breakers Quiet.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 6.—Dissatisfied with conditions about the Memphians tried their hand at striking late today and tonight railroad officials assert 100 were furnished transportation and escorted to a train bound for Chicago. At the headquarters of the strikers it is declared more than 100 men walked out, practically the entire force. The walk-out was without disorder.

Strike Continues Normal.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—The approaching end of the first week of the shopmen's strike on the Harriman and Illinois Central lines continues normal, according to a statement issued by

President Maricham of the Illinois Central, and Vice-President Kruttschnitt of the Harriman lines. Both admit that the number of shop workers is depleted, but they say there are enough work to make all repairs to rolling stock needed however.

About fifty additional strike-breakers were put to work in the shops at Burlington today, bringing the number at work there to 400. They were not molested.

There is trouble made, when the strikers are to be paid for their last month's work, caused the Illinois Central to announce that they will not be permitted to enter the works, but will be paid from a special ear to be run along the tracks. The train will be guarded by a special detail of police.

They Leave New Orleans.

New Orleans, Oct. 6.—As a result of the attack by Illinois Central strikers and sympathizers on 145 strike-breakers here, the latter this afternoon were escorted to a train by armed guards and rushed out of the city. After the pagers had routed the crowd and arrested two of the strikers, the remainder listened to speakers for the preservation of order. The city authorities advised the strikers that the men in the shops would be taken out at town, and the town strikers dispersed.

They were taken to McComb City. None was hurt in the melee earlier in the day.

The force of strike-breakers employed by the Illinois Central at their freight office and shops were attacked today by strikers and their sympathizers. They have been quartered in the Peters' School building awaiting assignment. The roads continued today to discharge and receive freight shipments and full forces of men are at work at their different sheds and terminals.

The strikers say they were opposed to the men being placed in the school building, and which seemed to inspire them to the attack.

HE LOANED \$40,000 ON \$30,000 HOTEL?

BURNETT'S HANDLING OF GUAR-
DIAN MONEY SEEMS SORT
OF FAMILY AFFAIR.

Muskogee, Okla., Oct. 6.—Ralph B. Burnett, the Sapulpa banker, who has been on the witness stand for the past three or four days testifying as to how he used the money of Edith and Edna Durand, bankers' girls he was their guardian, and made an interesting statement this morning.

Monday, Durand and Mrs. Hays, present guardians for the Durand children, charged that Burnett loaned the children's money on a lot of worthless property, and jugged \$69,000 about to suit their own interests. Burnett claims that the Durand estate owes him over seven hundred dollars, and is presenting his side of the controversy.

It was brought out in the testimony that Burnett, before he resigned as guardian loaned \$40,000 of the money of the estate to his brother Ralph Burnett, on the Sapulpa hotel building of Sapulpa. It was also brought out that Ralph Burnett loaned \$18,000 of the Durand estate to the Creek Investment company of which his brother was president.

A number of Muskogee business men, one a banker, an oil real estate man went to Sapulpa and approached the hotel property, which they testified was worth about \$15,000, or ten thousand dollars less than the amount loaned.

W. G. Robertson, attorney for the Durand children is trying to get a judgment against Ralph Burnett for an amount which he claims Burnett owes the estate. He claims that Burnett is trying to unload some property upon the estate.

An amusing witness was on the men, one a banker, and two oil executives, better known as "Big" and "Little" Jones, declared that property had greatly depreciated in Sapulpa during the past ten or fifteen months. He attributed it to a good deal of mismanagement on the part of city officials. He said that \$150,000 bond issue had been voted to put in waterworks, but that some of the money had been used for other purposes, some had been grafted and the water conditions were no better. He laid this to the city administration. I. K. Berry, another Sapulpa citizen, testified that property had depreciated in value in Sapulpa during the past year.

PUBLIC LANDS DISCUSSED.

President Taft Spends Entire Day Among People of Idaho.

Boise, Ida., Oct. 6.—Former Governor Brady of Idaho today promised President Taft to bring thirteen western governors to Washington next winter to help him thresh out the question of the disposition of the public domain. Mr. Taft himself has promised several audiences to do all in his power at the next session of Congress to have legislation enacted that will dispose of some of the difficulties now confronting settlers on public lands.

Mr. Taft spent the day in Idaho, waking up at Pocatello to make his first address, and practically giving a speech to several thousand persons. After leaving Pocatello, he got off his train but once and that was at Canyon County Fair, Caldwell.

SEVEN BALLOONS DRIVEN TO EARTH

TWO OF NINE TO START UN-
HEARD OF AS YET.

NO RECORDS ARE BROKEN

All Traveled at High Rate of Speed
—150 Miles Made by K. C. H.—
Storms Encountered.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 6.—Rough weather today drove to earth seven of the nine riding balloons that left here yesterday in contests for the James Gordon Bennett trophy, the Lahm cup, and the altitude record. None of the other two bags that sailed has been heard from. The missing bags are the Condor, or France, and the Berlin II, of Germany.

No records were broken by any of the balloons that are down. The estimated distances ranged from 200 to 400 miles. Two fell in Wisconsin, two in Minnesota, and three in Iowa. Reports from the landed balloons bring stories of hard winds and violent snow, rain and wind storms that raged high over northern Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin last night and today. The distance seems to have been traveled in a circle. It is said they were carried south many miles by the storm after flying very swiftly in a northerly direction.

J. H. Horbath, aid in the America, was injured when the bag was forced to descend. They were caught in the telegraph wires and both occupants hurled to the ground.

Opinions vary as to the locations of the two balloons up. Some of the Aero Club members think they are still being buffeted in the storm. All of the balloons reported down traveled at high speed, and it is some of the air craft did clear the storm range, they doubtless are within the United States.

Another story is that some of the missing balloonists have landed in some remote sections and have been unable to get in communication with the outside world. This appears plausible, for the three bags that landed early today were not heard from for some time.

The balloons landed as follows: America II, William Asman, pilot; J. C. Horbath, aid; near Emmetsburg, Iowa, at 1:30 a. m. today.

Pennsylvania I, A. Atherholt, pilot; E. R. Hinnegwell, aid; near Buffalo Center, Iowa, at 6:20; estimated distance, 300 miles.

Toupeka II, Frank Jacobs, pilot; W. W. Webb, aid; near Dunnell, Minn., at 8:20 a. m.; estimated distance, 325 miles.

Berlin I, Lieutenant Leopold Vogt, pilot; Lieutenant Martin Schaeffer, aid; near Austin, Minn., at 10 a. m.; estimated distance, 345 miles.

Buckeye, Lieutenant Fred C. Lahn, pilot; J. C. Ward, Jr., aid; near La Crosse, Wis., estimated distance, 365 miles.

Kansas City II, J. C. Honeywell, pilot; John Watts, aid; near Kansas City, Mo., at 8:20 a. m.; estimated distance, 400 miles.

The Toupeka II and Kansas City II were flying only for the Lahm cup, and they failed to lift it. The America III and Buckeye were also eligible to this event. The Lahm cup record, 1,171.9 miles, held by Allen R. Hawley, was not even approached.

Foreign balloons cannot compete for the Lahm cup.

The Pennsylvania was trying for the altitude record. It is not known what height the bag reached.

TWO CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Ryan and Oaks Pursued at McAlister by Bloodhounds.

McAlister, Okla., Oct. 6.—A posse with bloodhounds is out pursuing convicts Ryan and Oaks, who escaped from the state penitentiary here tonight. It is believed that the convicts are armed. They had only a few months to serve. A guard, in making the rounds of the bakery, where the men were working tonight, noticed that they were not in their places. A woman who has been seen around the penitentiary the last few days is believed to have aided them in their escape and to have some knowledge as to how they secured their arms.

De La Barra Won't Accept.

Mexico City, Oct. 6.—Provisional President De La Barra issued a formal statement today declaring he would not accept the presidency. It was answered to an open letter demanding that he make a definite answer. The letter was signed by one of the ardent supporters of Josephine Pinar. Since the coming of the Progressive party and published in the Nueva Era, the official organ of that party. Technically the law gives an elected man no right to resign except for serious illness or similar disability to serve. But in view of the fact that the election was not to be held until the electoral college meets on October 12th, the action of De La Barra will probably have the effect of eliminating him from the race leaving it to Pinar Suarez and Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Forecast: Oklahoma, fair Saturday; moderate temperature, Sunday fair and slightly warmer.